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MANUFACTURING OF MODERN AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of utilization of services of engineers and technologists and available infrastructure in developing cost-effective, high quality designs for aerospace systems and military aircraft;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take new initiatives including private sector participation to promote and encourage the available potential for designing and manufacturing of supersonic unmanned combat aircraft and hypersonic missile; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Engineers, technologists and infrastructure available in Defence Research and DevelopmentOrganisation are being optimally utilised in design and development of cost effective highquality aerospace systems and military aircraft like Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), LightCombat Aircraft (LCA), Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA), Airborne Early Warning and ControlSystems, etc.

(b) & (c): Infrastructure and expertise available in private sector for designing and manufacturing of various missile sub-systems, are being utilised, wherever possible.Levelof involvement of private sector depends upon the complexity and nature of the project.However, DRDO has no programme for supersonic unmanned combat aircraft at this time.